



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this Information Collection Request must be received no later than **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to paperwork@hrsa.gov or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 10C-03, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email paperwork@hrsa.gov or call the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (301) 443-1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: National Practitioner Data Bank for Adverse Information on Physicians and Other Health Care Practitioners – 45 CFR part 60 Regulations and Forms
OMB No. 0915-0126 – Revision

Abstract: This is a request for a revision of OMB approval of the information collection contained in regulations found at 45 CFR part 60 governing the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and the forms to be used in registering with, reporting information to, and requesting information from the NPDB. Administrative forms are also included to aid in monitoring compliance with federal reporting and querying requirements. Responsibility for NPDB implementation and operation resides in the Bureau of Health Workforce, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The intent of the NPDB is to improve the quality of health care by encouraging hospitals, state licensing boards, professional societies, and other entities providing health care services to

identify and discipline those who engage in unprofessional behavior, and to restrict the ability of incompetent health care practitioners, providers, or suppliers to move from state to state without disclosure of previous damaging or incompetent performance. It also serves as a fraud and abuse clearinghouse for the reporting and disclosing of certain final adverse actions (excluding settlements in which no findings of liability have been made) taken against health care practitioners, providers, or suppliers by health plans, federal agencies, and state agencies.

The reporting forms, request for information forms (query forms), and administrative forms (used to monitor compliance) are accessed, completed, and submitted to the NPDB electronically through the NPDB website at <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/>. All reporting and querying is performed through this secure website.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: The NPDB acts primarily as a flagging system; its principal purpose is to facilitate comprehensive review of practitioners' professional credentials and background. Information is collected from, and disseminated to, eligible entities (entities that are entitled to query and/or report to the NPDB as authorized in Title 45 part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations) on the following: (1) medical malpractice payments, (2) licensure actions taken by Boards of Medical Examiners, (3) state licensure and certification actions, (4) federal licensure and certification actions, (5) negative actions or findings taken by peer review organizations or private accreditation entities, (6) adverse actions taken against clinical privileges, (7) federal or state criminal convictions related to the delivery of a health care item or service, (8) civil judgments related to the delivery of a health care item or service, (9) exclusions from participation in federal or state health care programs, and (10) other adjudicated actions or

decisions. It is intended that NPDB information should be considered with other relevant information in evaluating credentials of health care practitioners, providers, and suppliers.

Likely Respondents: Eligible entities that are entitled to query and/or report to the NPDB as authorized in regulations found at 45 CFR part 60.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this Information Collection Request are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized burden hours:

Regulation Citation	Form Name	Number of Respondents	Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
§ 60.6: Reporting errors, omissions, revisions or whether an action is on appeal.	Correction, Revision to Action, Correction of Revision to Action, Void, Notice of Appeal (manual)	20,482	1	20,482	.25	5,121
	Correction, Revision to Action, Correction of Revision to Action, Void, Notice of Appeal	17,185	1	17,185	.0003	5

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	(automated)					
§ 60.7: Reporting medical malpractice payments.	Medical Malpractice Payment (manual)	12,613	1	12,613	.75	9,460
	Medical Malpractice Payment (automated)	250	1	250	.0003	.1
§ 60.8: Reporting licensure actions taken by Boards of Medical Examiners & §60.9: Reporting licensure and certification actions taken by States.	State Licensure (manual)	16,770	1	16,770	.75	12,578
	State Licensure (automated)	17,422	1	17,422	.0003	5
§ 60.10: Reporting Federal licensure and certification actions.	DEA/Federal Licensure	114	1	114	.75	86
§ 60.11: Reporting negative actions or findings taken by peer review organizations or private accreditation entities.	Peer Review Organization	10	1	10	.75	8
	Accreditation	12	1	12	.75	9
§ 60.12: Reporting adverse actions taken against clinical privileges.	Title IV Clinical Privileges Actions	671	1	671	.75	503
	Professional Society	50	1	50	.75	38
§ 60.13: Reporting Federal or State criminal convictions related to the delivery of a health care item or service.	Criminal Conviction (Guilty Plea or Trial) (manual)	1,308	1	1,308	.75	981
	Criminal Conviction (Guilty Plea or Trial) (automated)	937	1	937	.0003	.3
	Deferred Conviction or Pre-Trial Diversion	50	1	50	.75	38
	Nolo Contendere (No Contest) Plea	80	1	80	.75	60
	Injunction	10	1	10	.75	8
§ 60.14: Reporting civil judgments related to the delivery of a health care item or service.	Civil Judgment	14	1	14	.75	11

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§ 60.15: Reporting exclusions from participation in Federal or State health care programs.	Exclusion/Debarment (manual)	1,185	1	1,185	.75	889
	Exclusion/Debarment (automated)	5,094	1	5,094	.0003	2
§ 60.16: Reporting other adjudicated actions or decisions.	Government Administrative	2,233	1	2,233	.75	1,675
	Health Plan Action	524	1	524	.75	393
§ 60.18 Requesting Information from the NPDB.	One Time Query for an Individual (manual)	1,980,825	1	1,980,825	.08	158,466
	One Time Query for an Individual (automated)	2,163,208	1	2,163,208	.0003	649
	One Time Query for an Organization (manual)	39,920	1	39,920	.08	3,194
	One Time Query for an Organization (automated)	2,266	1	2,266	.0003	1
	Self-Query on an Individual	77,318	1	77,318	.42	30,201
	Self-Query on an Organization	427	1	427	.42	167
	Continuous Query (manual)	508,203	1	508,203	.08	40,656
	Continuous Query (automated)	121,718	1	121,718	.0003	37
§ 60.21: How to dispute the accuracy of NPDB information.	Subject Statement and Dispute	3,501	1	3,501	.75	2,626
	Request for Dispute Resolution	94	1	94	8	752
Administrative	Non-Hospital Entity Registration (Initial)	524	1	524	1	524
	Non-Hospital Entity Registration (Renewal & Update)	6,383	1	6,383	.25	1,596
	Hospital Registration (Initial)	37	1	37	1	37
	Hospital Registration (Renewal & Update)	3,198	1	3,198	.25	800
	Licensing Board Data Request	140	1	140	10.5	1,470
	Reporting Entity Discrepancy Letter	389	1	389	4	1556
	Licensing Board Attestation	354	1	354	1	354

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	Corrective Action Plan	10	1	10	.08	1
	Reconciling Missing Actions	2,176	1	2,176	.08	174
	Agent Registration (Initial)	30	1	30	1	30
	Agent Registration (Renewal & Update)	194	1	194	.08	16
	Electronic Transfer of Funds (EFT) Authorization	566	1	566	.08	45
	Authorized Agent Designation	788	1	788	.25	197
	Account Discrepancy	41	1	41	.25	10
	TOTAL	5,009,324	5,009,324	275,429

HRSA specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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